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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: EXPANSION PROGRAM, BUREAU OF TELECOMMUNICATIO  
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REFS: A. STATE 056089, B. MANILA 3994, C. STATE A-949

1. GENERAL CARREON OF THE BUREAU OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS HAS REPLIED  
TO OUR WRITTEN ENQUIRY (CITED PARA 2, REFTEL B) CONCERNING THE RELA-  
TIONS BETWEEN BUTEL AND THE PRIVATE TELECOMMUNICATION CARRIERS:

QUOTE: IN REPLY TO YOUR INQUIRY REGARDING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN  
THE PRIVATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS IN THE DOMESTIC SERVICE AND  
THIS BUREAU, WE ARE GLAD TO INFORM YOU THAT EACH COMPLEMENTS THE OTHER

IN THE PROVISION OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE NEEDS OF THE COUNTRY  
AND BOTH ARE PARTICIPANTS IN THE OVER-ALL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SECTOR.  
IN THIS CONNECTION, BUTEL, AS A GOVERNMENT AGENCY IS RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECTS INCLUDED  
IN ITS OWN PROGRAM UNDER THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT  
PLAN. END QUOTE.

2. EMBOFF RECENTLY DISCUSSED PENDING TELECOMMUNICATIONSPLAN WITH  
MR. OSCAR T. AFRICA, SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT FOR CORPORATE PLANNING,  
PLDT. HE SAID THAT PLDT, RETELCO, AND BUTEL ARE ACTIVELY  
INVOLVED IN FORMING THE PLAN WHICH IS BEING COORDINATED BY NEDA  
AND WILL ALL PARTICIPATE IN ITS IMLEMNTATION. HE NOTED THAT SOME  
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SMALL INEFFICIENT AND/OR OUTDATED RURAL MUNICIPAL PRIVATE TELE-  
PHONE COMPANIES WILL PROBABLY BE "ABSORBED" BY THE BIGGER  
NATIONAL COMPANIES IN THE COURSE OF "INTEGRATING" THE NATIONAL  
NETWORKS AND ELIMINATING DUPLICATION OF FACILITIES.  
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